

5-Point Series STETM



Infant/Toddler Car Seat Instruction Manual



Do not use this car seat until you read and understand these instructions! Incorrect use can mean serious injury or death to a child in a sudden stop or accident!



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thank you for selecting the Century[®] 5-Point Series STE[™] Infant/Toddler Car Seat.

No car seat can guarantee protection from injury in every situation, but proper use helps reduce the risk of serious injury or death.

* Registration Information

Child restraints (car seats) could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Fill out the registration card attached to car seat and mail today or send your name, address, and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to:

> Century Products Company 9600 Valley View Road Macedonia, Ohio, 44056-2096 or call (330) 467-9671

For recall information, call the Transport Canada Road Safety Information Centre at 1-800-333-0371.

Safety First Check List

- Read and understand instruction manual and car seat labels.
- Infants less than 9 kg (20 lbs.) must use car seat rear-facing.
- ✓ Do not use car seat rear-facing in a seating position equipped with air bag.
- Secure children in back seat whenever possible.
- Never leave child unattended.
- Install car seat securely with vehcile lap belt even when using tether strap.
- Do not use car seat after date shown on back of car seat.
- Do not allow anyone (babysitter, relatives, etc.) to use car seat without first understanding all of the instructions.

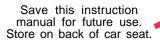




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Failure to follow the instructions in this manual and car seat labels can result in child striking the vehicle's interior during a sudden stop or accident. Secure this child restraint with a vehicle seat belt as shown in this manual.

Infants less than 9 kg (20 lbs.) must use this car seat rear-facing. Serious crippling injury or death can result if infant faces front of vehicle.

DO NOT use rear-facing child restraint in a vehicle seating position equipped with an air bag. Child's head and neck may be seriously injured when an inflating air bag hits back of child restraint.



Never put a car seat in a front vehicle seat unless recommended by vehicle owner's manual. Experts agree that children up to age 12 are safer in the back seat. For front passenger air bags, refer to vehicle owner's manual for child restraint installation.

The vehicle seat belt system *MUST* hold the car seat securely. Not all vehicle seat belts can be used with a car seat. If vehicle seat belt does not hold car seat securely, read "Vehicle Seat Belts" section.

If this car seat is in an accident, it must be replaced. <u>Do not use it again!</u> An accident can cause unseen damage and using it again could cause serious injury or death.

Do not use accessories or parts supplied by other manufacturers. Their use could alter the function of the car seat and cause serious injury or death.

Never leave child unattended, even when sleeping. Sleeping children must be watched carefully: they may become tangled in car seat's straps and suffocate.

BASIC INFORMATION

Certification

This car seat meets or exceeds all applicable requirements of Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213 and 213.1:

- · For use in motor vehicles
- For use in air travel (see "Aircraft Use" section)

Sovernment Alert

Transport Canada alerts vehicle owners that:

• According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the back seat of a vehicle than in the front seat.



• All children up to age 12 should ride in the back seat of a vehicle.

* Unoccupied Car Seat

Always secure car seat with a vehicle seat belt, even when unoccupied. An unsecured car seat can injure other passengers in a sudden stop or accident.

* Dangerous Vehicle Seats

Car seat must be used only on vehicle seats which face forward. Do not use on rear-facing or side-facing vehicle seats.





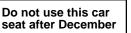
Side-facing Vehicle Seat

BASIC INFORMATION continued

❀ Useful Life

Do not use car seat after date shown on back of car seat due to changing requirements and normal wear and tear.

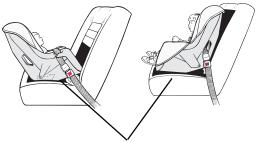
Example:





* Vehicle Seat Protection

Continuous use of a car seat on a vehicle seat may cause damage. To protect vehicle seat, use a car seat mat, towel or thin blanket under car seat.



Car Seat Mat, Towel or Blanket

* Warm Weather

Hot parts can burn unprotected skin. *Always check metal and plastic parts before putting child in car seat.*

A car seat's metal and plastic parts can become very hot in warm weather even in the shade. Drape a blanket over the car seat to protect it from direct sunlight when not in use.

HEIGHT & WEIGHT LIMITS

Read this section carefully. Incorrect use can cause serious injury or death to child.

This car seat can be used two different ways depending on the weight of child.

Rear-facing (Birth to 10 kg [22 lbs.]):

- Infants from birth to 9 kg (20 lbs.) must be rear-facing.
- Infants or toddlers 9 to 10 kg (20 to 22 lbs.) may face rear of vehicle.

Forward-facing (9 to 18 kg [20 to 40 lbs.]):

- Toddlers 9 to 10 kg (20 to 22 lbs.) who are capable of sitting upright unassisted may be forward-facing. If unable to sit unassisted, use rear-facing.
- Toddlers 10 to 18 kg (22 to 40 lbs.) and up to 102 cm (40 inches) tall must be forward-facing.
- Top of child's ears **MUST** be below top of car seat.

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	←	F	orward-	facing —

* Outgrowing Car Seat



HEIGHT & WEIGHT LIMITS continued

* Preterm or Low Birth Weight Infant

A preterm infant or low birth weight infant may be at special risk in a vehicle or aircraft. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, these infants may suffer breathing difficulties while reclined in a car seat.

Century advises that you have your physician or hospital staff evaluate your infant and recommend the proper car seat or car bed **before** you and your infant leave the hospital.

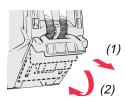
REAR-FACING INFANT - LESS THAN 10 KG (22 LBS.)

Tether Strap

When using car seat **rear-facing**, the tether strap should be rolled up and secured with a rubber band. A loose tether strap may become deadly in a sudden stop or accident.

* Car Seat MUST Be In Reclined Position

- Pull recline stand out (1).
- Rotate recline stand to recline position (2).
- Push recline stand in.



Be sure stand *locks* into position.

Level Car Seat



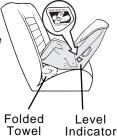
- Too reclined can result in injury or ejection.
- Too upright can result in breathing difficulties.

This car seat comes with a level indicator to help properly level car seat on vehicle seat.

NOTE: Your vehicle *must* be on level ground when using level indicator.

Level indicator is NOT for forward-facing use.

- 1 Place car seat rear-facing on vehicle seat.
- 2 If any part of ball falls within the red zones, place folded towel under car seat until entire ball is in green zone.
- **3** Re-check level indicator once car seat is securely anchored and infant is positioned in car seat.



Periodically check level

indicator and make adjustments if necessary.

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REAR-FACING INFANT - LESS THAN 10 KG (22 LBS)continued

* Car Seat Installation

Never put car seat in a front vehicle seat unless recommended in vehicle owner's manual.

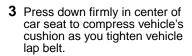
Infants less than 20 lbs. (9 kg) must use this car seat rear-facing. Serious crippling injury or death can result if infant faces front of vehicle.

1 Place car seat rear-facing on vehicle seat firmly against vehicle seat back.



Belt here rear-facing

2 Thread vehicle seat belt through openings on armrests; then buckle vehicle seat belt.







- 4 Test for secure installation:
 - Pull front to back.
 - Pull left to right.

If vehicle seat belt does not hold car seat securely, see "Vehicle Seat Belts" section or move car seat to another seating location and repeat steps 1 through 4.





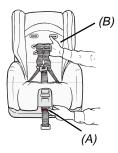
* Placing Child In Car Seat

WARNING Do not use strap covers (shown), blankets, thick cushions, or padding under harness straps or child. They interfere with proper fit of harness straps and child could be ejected on impact.

1 Harness straps must be in the bottom or middle slots which are *at* or just *below* child's shoulders when using car seat rear-facing.

If harness straps must be moved to bottom or middle slots, see "Changing Harness Strap Slots" section.

- 2 Loosen harness straps:
 - Lift adjuster lever (A) to release harness straps.
 - Pull harness straps (B).



3 Unhook harness tie from harness strap on child's left.



Harness Tie

4 Press red button (C) and remove harness tongues.



REAR-FACING INFANT - LESS THAN 10 KG (22 LBS.) continued

5 Place child in car seat. Child's bottom and back must be firmly against car seat back.



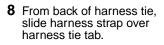
6 Place child's arms through harness straps and insert both tongues into buckle.

Make sure harness straps are not twisted.



WARNING Child must be dressed in clothing with arms and legs that will not interfere with buckling tongues.

7 Pull up on tongues to be sure buckle is locked.

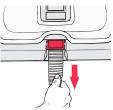






Harness Tie Tab

9 Pull lower belt in front of car seat to tighten harness straps.



REAR-FACING INFANT - LESS THAN 10 KG (22 LBS.) continued

/! WARNING Do not use harness straps that are loose or unbuckled. Harness straps must be snug and positioned over shoulders or child could be seriously injured.

10 Position harness tie at mid chest or 8 cm (3 inches) below child's chin.

> **IMPORTANT:** The harness tie keeps the harness straps close and snug on child's shoulders to help prevent ejection.



11 Harness straps must be snug against child with just enough room for you to insert one finger between each harness strap and child's chest.



NOTE: Rear-facing - Must

which are at or just below child's shoulders.

Periodically adjust harness straps as child grows.

- 12 Be sure crotch strap is in the opening *closest* to but not under child. If crotch strap needs to be moved, see "Changing Crotch Strap Slots" section.
- **13** If necessary, support child's head and body with two rolled towels. Be sure towels do not interfere with the harness straps.



Tether Strap

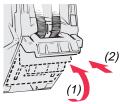
Tether strap and anchor hardware have been supplied with car seat.

Tether strap must always be used when car seat is in the *forward-facing position*.

Tether strap is **not** a replacement for vehicle seat belt. Tether strap is to be used **in addition** to the vehicle seat belt to anchor back of child car seat to the vehicle.

* Car Seat MUST Be In Upright Position

- Rotate recline stand to upright position (1).
- Push recline stand in (2).



Be sure stand locks into position.

WARNING When locking recline stand into upright position, make certain straps do not get pinched between

make certain straps do not get pinched between recline stand and bottom of car seat, as this will prevent adjustment of harness system.

* Car Seat Installation

Never put car seat in a front vehicle seat unless recommended in vehicle owner's manual.

1 Place car seat forward-facing on vehicle seat firmly against vehicle seat back.

> Belt here forward-facing



- 2 Thread vehicle seat belt through openings and behind harness straps as shown; then buckle vehicle seat belt.
- **3** Press down firmly in center of car seat to compress vehicle's cushion as you tighten vehicle lap belt.

HINT: Use your knee to press down in center of car seat.

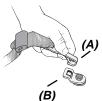
4 Test for secure installation:

If vehicle seat belt does not

- Pull front to back.
- Pull left to right.

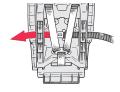
hold car seat securely, see "Vehicle Seat Belts" section or move car seat to another seating location and repeat steps 1 through 4.

5 Attach tether strap hook (*A*) to anchor hardware (*B*) and tighten strap to remove any slack.





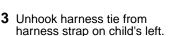


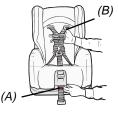


* Placing Child In Car Seat



- Harness straps must be in the top slots. If straps must be moved, see "Changing Harness Strap Slots" section.
- 2 Loosen harness straps:
 - Lift adjuster lever (A) to release harness straps.
 - Pull harness straps (B).

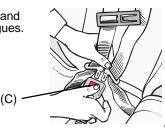






Harness Tie

4 Press red button (C) and remove harness tongues.



5 Place child in car seat. Child's bottom and back must be firmly against the car seat.



6 Place child's arms through harness srtaps and insert both tongues into buckle.

Make sure harness straps are not twisted.

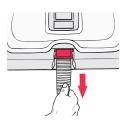
7 Pull up on tongues to be sure buckle is locked.



8 From back of harness tie, slide harness strap over harness tie tab.



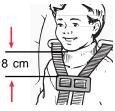
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IMPORTANT: The harness tie keeps the harness straps close and snug on child's shoulders to help prevent ejection.



11 Harness straps must be snug against child with just enough room for you to insert one finger between each harness strap and child's chest.



- **NOTE:** Forward-facing Must use top slots only.
- 12 Be sure crotch strap is in the opening *closest* to but not under child. For children over 13.6 kg (30 lbs.) move the crotch strap to the forward opening. This will give a larger child more room and comfort. See "Changing Crotch Strap Slots" section.

CHANGING HARNESS STRAP SLOTS

Use proper harness slots

- Rear-facing Use bottom or middle slots which are at or just below child's shoulders.
- Forward-facing Must use top slots only.
- 1 Loosen harness straps:
 - Lift adjuster lever (A) to release harness straps.
 - Pull harness straps (B).
- 2 Remove harness strap loops from Splitter Plate.

Splitter Plate

3 Pull harness straps out of current slots and thread through desired slots.

NOTE: For ease of threading harness straps, remove seat pad from back of car seat.

Make sure harness straps are threaded through matching slot of seat pad and car seat.

- **4** Re-attach harness strap to Splitter Plate:
 - Slide each harness strap loop onto Splitter Plate. Straps must not be twisted.
- 5 Make sure Splitter Plate Strap passes between recline stand and car seat shell (see arrow).

NOTE: Splitter Plate Strap must not be twisted.

6 Re-attach seat pad.











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CHANGING CROTCH STRAP SLOT

* Use proper crotch strap slots

For children *under* 13.6 kg (30 lbs.) move crotch strap and buckle to the opening closest to but not under child.

For children *over* 13.6 kg (30 lbs.) move crotch strap and buckle to the forward opening. This will give a larger child more room and comfort.



* To Change Crotch Strap Slot

Bellows not included on some models.

- 1 Remove seat pad from front of car seat and around bellow.
- **2** Turn car seat upside down.
- **3** Pull crotch strap clip out to create some slack and remove clip from crotch strap loop.
- 4 From top of seat, pull crotch strap out of slot and thread through desired slot. *Do not* take crotch strap out of bellows.

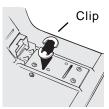




5 From bottom of seat, re-attach clip to crotch strap loop.

CAUTION: Clip must be attached exactly as shown to prevent serious injury or death in a sudden stop or accident.

6 Re-attach seat pad to car seat shell and tuck bellows under seat pad.





VEHICLE SEAT BELTS

Identify your vehicle seat belt. Car seat must be used with a vehicle seat belt that will stay tight while driving. If vehicle does not have a lap belt that will stay tight, see dealer.

NOTE: #1 The locking latch plate on some seat belts may slip and loosen after being buckled through car seat. If this happens, flip latch plate over as shown and re-buckle. Test installation again to see if vehicle belt stays tight. If not, move car seat to another seating position.



- Combination Lap/Shoulder Belt with Locking Latch Plate
 - Install car seat per instructions. See NOTE #1 above.

Lap-Only Belts

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- Manually Adjustable Lap-Only Belts. _____ See NOTE #1 above.
- Retractor Lap-Only Belts.-

To determine if a lap-only belt can be used, follow the steps below:

No.

- 1) Pull on both halves of vehicle seat belts.
 - If one belt gets longer, see step 2.
 - If neither belt gets longer, install car seat according to instructions.
- 2) Pull end that gets longer all the way out, allow belt to retract 10 - 15 cm (4 - 6 inches) and pull again.
 - If belt gets longer, do not install car seat. Check vehicle owner's manual or contact auto dealer for options.
 - If belt does not get longer, install car seat per instructions on page 9 or page 14 substituting the instruction below for those in steps 3.
 - Pull lap belt that moves all the way out and thread through belt slots. Buckle lap belt. Release lap belt and remove slack in lap belt by pushing lap belt that moves into the retractor while pushing down on car seat to compress vehicle cushion.

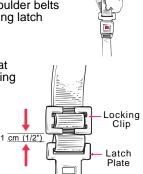
VEHICLE SEAT BELTS continued

Continuous Loop Combination Lap/Shoulder Belt with Sliding Latch Plate

Pull on latch plate. If belt slides freely through latch plate, a locking clip **must** be used (stored on top back of car seat). Locking Clip (top back of car seat) Latch Plate

Failure to use locking clip where required will result in car seat not being securely held in place and child being seriously injured or killed in a sudden stop or accident.

- 1 Place car seat in seating position to be used.
- **2** Thread vehicle seat belt through openings in car seat and tighten lap belt.
- **3** With vehicle lap belt properly tightened, hold the combination lap/shoulder belts together just behind the sliding latch plate, and unbuckle belt.
- 4 Continue holding vehicle seat belts together and slide locking clip on vehicle seat belt approximately 1 cm (1/2 inch) away from latch plate.



5 Rebuckle vehicle seat belt. **HINT:** It may be necessary to press car seat into vehicle cushion in order to rebuckle.

Test installation again to see if car seat is secure. If it is not, remove locking clip, adjust vehicle seat belt and re-attach locking clip.

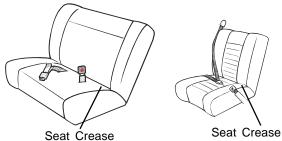
Remove locking clip from vehicle seat belt when not being used with a car seat. The vehicle seat belt will not properly restrain an adult or child and serious injury could occur. Do not use locking clip as a vehicle seat belt shortener.

VEHICLE SEAT BELTS continued

* Belts Anchored Forward of Seat Crease

Belts anchored forward of seat crease (as shown below) may not securely hold car seat. Check vehicle owner's manual or auto dealer.

- Do not use unless approved by vehicle manufacturer.
- After installation, check that car seat stays securely fastened.



* Do Not Use These Vehicle Seat Belts

The following vehicle seat belts **MUST NOT** be used. They will not restrain a car seat and child will be seriously Injured or killed.

Lap/Shoulder Belt with Sewn Latch Plate

Do not use. This type of vehicle seat belt stays loose while driving. In a sudden stop or accident it will lock, but car seat may move forward and cause serious injury. See your vehicle dealer for options.



Automatic (Passive) Seat Belts

Do not use this type of vehicle seat belt to anchor your car seat.



SPECIAL INFORMATION

Aircraft Use

Your Century car seat is certified for use on aircraft (see label on car seat). Most airlines in the U.S. and Canada will allow you to use a car seat if it carries such a label and fits properly on the aircraft. Contact your airline about their policy.

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Use your Century car seat only on forward-facing aircraft seats.

Install car seat on an aircraft the *same way* it is installed in a vehicle.

Second Hand Car Seats

Century advises against loaning or passing along your car seat.

* Product Care and Cleaning

Take special care to avoid saturating or wetting any labels on the product during cleaning. It may destroy labels.

Clean vinyl pads and car seat shell with mild soap and a damp cloth. Never use "household detergents": they can weaken plastic. Cloth seat pads may be machine-washed separately on gentle cycle and machine-dried on cool air setting.



Harness straps are surface washable only with mild soap and a damp cloth.

To remove seat pad:

- Loosen seat pad from car seat.
- Unhook harness straps from splitter plate.
- Pull harness straps out of harness slots.
- Press red button to release harness tongues.
- Pull seat pad up over harness straps leaving harness straps in car seat shell.

Reverse above steps for replacing pads.

Periodically check and clean the harness buckle slot. If dirty, buckle will not latch properly and child could be seriously injured or killed. Remove loose objects, crumbs and any other debris from buckle.

Clean buckle with only mild soap and water. Do not use household detergents. Never lubricate buckle. 23

SPECIAL INFORMATION continued

Inspection

Regularly inspect harness system on car seat. If harness straps are frayed or heavily soiled, harness assembly must be replaced (see "Replacement Parts" section).

Do not use car seat after date shown on back of car seat.

Product Label Locations



If any of these labels are missing, please call our Consumer Relations Department toll free from the U.S. and Canada 1-800-837-4044, or worldwide at 330-963-2800.

Label locations on car seat

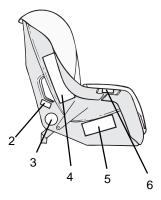
Front

1 Harness Strap Release Label.



Right Side

- 2 Belt Here Forward-Facing Label.
- 3 National Safety Mark Label.
- 4 Warning/Instructions Label.
- 5 Register Car Seat Label.
- 6 Belt Here Rear-Facing Label.



SPECIAL INFORMATION continued

Left Side

- 7 Belt Here Rear-Facing Label.
- 8 Warning/Air Bag Label.
- 9 Adjust Recline Stand Label.
- 10 Model & Manufacturer Date Label.
- 11 Belt Here Forward-Facing Label.
- 12 Read & Understand Instruction Label.



❀ Need Help?

If you need help with this product, call toll-free 1-800-837-4044 from anywhere in the U.S. or Canada 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM E.S.T Monday through Friday. Outside these areas please call 330-963-2800.

Or write us at: Century Products Company 9600 Valley View Road Macedonia, OH 44056-2096 Attention: Consumer Relations Department.

Please have available the following information:

Date of Purchase:_____

Model Number (see #10):_____

Manufacture Date (see #10):

SPECIAL INFORMATION continued

Installation of Tether Strap Anchor Hardware

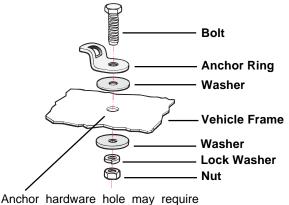
- Contact vehicle dealership for proper tether strap anchor hardware installation.
- Before installing tether strap anchor hardware, install car seat into a vehicle and check that the lap belt portion of the vehicle belt will hold car seat securely.

🗥 WARNING

Be sure anchor hardware hole is properly sealed to prevent exhaust fumes and water from entering the vehicle.

If you wish to remove anchor hardware once child outgrows car seat, make sure hole is properly plugged or sealed to prevent exhaust fumes from entering the vehicle.

Anchor Hardware Assembly



drilling by your vehicle dealership.

REPLACEMENT PARTS

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A. Vinyl Back Pad	US\$9	.00 🦷		
B. Vinyl Seat Pad	US\$7	.00		
C. Classic Fabric Seat Pad	US \$ 29	.95		
D. Prestige Fabric Seat Pad	US \$ 39	9.95	, and the second s	
E. Push-in Buttons	US\$1	.00		
F. Harness Straps	US\$3	9.95	M	
G.Harness Tie	US\$1	.00 🗐		
H. Locking Clip	US\$1	.75	F	
I. Buckle & Crotch Strap with Tongues	US\$8	9.75		
J. Crotch Strap Clip	US\$1	.20		
K. Headrest Foam	US\$2	2.95	111	
L. Tether Strap and Anchor Hardware	US \$ 10	0.00	A Constant	
M. Level Indicator	US\$1	.75	AND ONE T	
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NOTE: Prices Subject To Change

Add-On Chart \$5.00 = Canada Shipping & Handling Chart \$.01 to \$5.00 = \$4.00 \$ 5.01 to \$50.00 = \$5.00 \$ 50.01 to \$200.00 = 10% of Order Total \$ 200.01 and over = 5% of Order Total

Century[®] 5-Point Series STE[™] Infant/Toddler Car Seat

IMPORTANT

We must have this information to process your
order: See label on side of car seat.

Model No._

Mfr. Date

Please make checks payable in U.S. current CENTURY PRODUCTS COMPANY. Or, charge your order to your VISA or MAS by filling in the following. CARD NUMBER:	
Cardholder's Name	
Card Exp. Date SHIP TO:	
Customer Name	
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